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Electrical Properties of $\text{Mn}_{0.5}\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_4$ Nanosized Synthesized Via High-Energy Milling technique

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$\text{Mn}_{0.5}\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_4$ sample was produced from high-purity metal oxides by high-energy ball milling method. Single-phase cubic spinel structure of the synthesized sample was confirmed by X-ray diffraction (XRD). The results show that the as-prepared sample had an average grain size of about 8 nm. Bulk samples in the form of pellets were also produced from the as-prepared sample for resistivity measurements. The temperature dependence of the electrical resistivity for samples sintered from 600 - 1100 deg;C under argon atmosphere were studied using the four-probe method from room temperature to about 110 deg;C. Two possible mechanisms for resistivity involving T^{-1} and $T^{-1/2}$ dependences were investigated which we associated with semiconducting and inter-grain conductivity respectively. The $T^{-1/2}$ dependence is found to fit the data better and predicts higher activation energies. The resistivity was observed to be sensitive to the surface of the pellet being probed and the annealing temperature.

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